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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
**Ross J. Hamel**  
Application No.: **10/676,170**  
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For: **RETRACTOR WITH INTERCHANGEABLE RETRACTOR**

Confirmation No.: **6800**  
Group Art Unit: **3732**  
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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116**

In response to the Official Action dated **November 4, 2008**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page    of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page    of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.